



August 30, 2011

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 24, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska, Greg Berberich, Chief Executive Officer of Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA), Kenneth C. Bahr, Manager Regulatory Affairs, Carolyn Hanson, Director - Sales and Eric Anderson, Director - Engineering, Construction and Operations met with FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski and Greg Guice, Acting Director, Office of Legislative Affairs. Also participating was Meagan Foster, Legislative Assistant to Senator Mark Begich.

The focus of the meeting was to provide the Chairman with MTA's perspectives on pending Universal Service Fund and Intercarrier Compensation reforms as they relate to Alaska.

MTA discussed efforts the company has made to achieve robust wire line and wireless networks. MTA described the capabilities of its networks, the cost of building and sustaining telecommunications services in high cost rural communities and the necessity of universal service funding to achieve national broadband goals in Alaska. MTA expressed concern that proposed reforms could negate its ability to recover its existing investments let alone provide the needed resources to expand broadband facilities in the future. MTA explained Alaska's new access reform regulations and the establishment of a replacement mechanism for providers with carrier of last resort responsibilities in Alaska. MTA expressed concern that Alaskans cannot be expected to be the source of a recovery mechanism for interstate access reform.

Pursuant to the FCC's Rules, a copy of this letter has been filed electronically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Berberich", is written over a horizontal line.

Greg Berberich
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Hon. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Gregory Guice
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